

FEW IMMIGRANTS COMING.

Washington.—Immigration into the United States is still at a low ebb, and, while increasing to some extent, is still far below figures of the period before the European war.

Figures just given out at the Department of Labor show immigration into this country of aliens for the period August 1 to September 8, was 47,431. This is an increase of about 25 per cent from the immigration of the same period in 1915.

On the other hand, it is still below 1914 figures, and vastly below those of 1913. For the same corresponding period in 1913, the number of aliens arriving at all ports in this country was 184,632. The chief increases this year over last are from Greece, Mexico, Portugal and Spain.

Although there is an increase this August over last, the rate of increase is not enough to give promise of getting the

total back anywhere near figures before the war in the near future. Before the war, the annual arrival of aliens was running well above a million a year. For the fiscal year 1916, it dropped to below 300,000, the lowest figure in many years.

CAN'T-STRIKE LAW OPPOSED.

Denver.—The Trades and Labor Assembly has unanimously sustained the State federation of labor in its condemnation of the State law which makes it illegal for workers to strike before they have given 30 days' notice to the industrial commission. Local unionists will ask legislative candidates for their views on this question.

HIGH INTEREST FOR FARMERS.

Lansing, Mich.—At a public hearing held by the federal farm board, the claim was made that in a large section of this State a farm loan is almost an impossibility unless a great bonus is paid. Counting these bonuses, some of the witnesses said, the average interest is 15 per cent, and payments exceeding 20 per cent are common.

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